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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/801,336	BLAIS ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Steven Loke	2811	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to preliminary amendment filed on 3/15/04.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 78-89.
3. The drawings filed on 15 March 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

Steven Loke
Primary Examiner

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Brett Lovejoy on 9/24/04.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification:

Replace the paragraph on page 1, beginning "Resonant Controlled Qubit System" with the following amended paragraph: --This application is a continuation of United States Patent Application serial number 10/419,024 filed on April 17, 2003, which claims priority to United States Patent Application serial number 60/374,261 filed April 20, 2002; United States Patent Application serial number 60/385,123 filed May 31, 2002; United States Patent Application serial number 60/395,704 filed July 12, 2002 each of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.--.

In the claims:

Claim 80, line 2, change "biasing" to --biasing, where I_c is the critical current value of the Josephson junction in the resonant control system--.

Claim 81, line 2, change "biasing" to --biasing, where I_c is the critical current value of the Josephson junction in the resonant control system--.

Claim 82, lines 2, 4, change "said tuning (A)" to --said tuning in step (A)--.

Claim 84, lines 2, 4, change "said biasing (B)" to --said biasing in step (B)--.

Claim 86, line 2, change "qubit" to --qubits--.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The major difference in the claims not found in the prior art of record is a method comprising the steps of (A) tuning a ground state energy difference between a potential energy state of said first qubit and a potential energy state of said second qubit so that the energy difference corresponds to a predetermined frequency; and (B) biasing a resonant control system, which is capacitively coupled to said first qubit and second qubit, to said predetermined frequency for a period of time.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven Loke whose telephone number is (571) 272-1657. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:50 am to 5:20 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eddie Lee can be reached on (571) 272-1732. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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September 24, 2004

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Primary Examiner

